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Ms. McCarthy,

--Someone was obviously not paying attention in Colorado when 1million gallons of toxic metallic waste was "accidentally" dumped into the Animas River. Are you seriously kidding me??? How does that just "accidentally" happen??? Shouldn't they have checked out the situation more carefully before someone pulled the plug??? As a metal chemist and environmentalist, I just can't believe that EPA is responsible for this spill -you'd better get on it and do something asap -someone was obviously sleep walking on the job. If I was in charge of EPA, heads would roll. You need to get some real metal chemists and water quality people on this asap -the spill is now in New Mexico. EDTA filters might help. And the governor of NM wasn't even told right away -we could have put up barriers here or done something.

I work with some excellent scientists from EPA, but obviously none of them were on the job in Colorado. EPA is supposed to protect the environment not destroy it. I'm so shocked and dismayed. I can't even believe I'm having this conversation. This will be so bad for EPA's credibility.

What are you going to do about this horrible situation???

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